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SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Workforce Development Division of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, I am pleased to present the *2007 South Carolina Labor Market and Economic Analysis Report*.

The report serves not only as a snapshot of the developments in the state's economy over the past year, but also addresses the opportunities and challenges facing our state in the future. The *2007 South Carolina Labor Market and Economic Analysis Report* illustrates the complexities of the South Carolina economy by examining the state as a whole and specific urban and rural areas in an effort to highlight their unique characteristics.

We look forward to working with economic development entities at both the local and state levels to ensure that South Carolina is the best option for individuals already living here and those desiring to relocate. Please contact our office if you, or your staff, have any questions regarding the report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Torrey".

Margaret Torrey
Deputy Secretary, Workforce Development Division